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Introduction

Venue

In its decision 9/3, taken at its ninth session, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for Desertification (INCD) accepted the invitation of the Government of Italy to host the first session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 1) of the Convention to Combat Desertification (CCD) in Rome. It also accepted the offer of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) of services and facilities for COP 1. It was confirmed by General Assembly resolution 51/180 of 16 December 1996 that the COP would be held in Rome at the FAO headquarters from 29 September to 10 October 1997. The session will, therefore, be opened by the Executive Secretary at FAO Headquarters, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00100 Rome, Italy at 9.00 a.m. on Monday, 29 September 1997.

Logistic arrangements

A few weeks before the opening of COP 1, the Secretariat will distribute an information note detailing registration and security procedures, as well as other logistic arrangements for the session.

Participants

In accordance with article 36, paragraph 2, of the CCD, for each State or regional economic integration organization which ratifies, accepts or approves the CCD or accedes thereto after the deposit of the fiftieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, the CCD enters into force on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit with the depositary of its instrument. Consequently, the Parties as of the opening of COP 1 on 29 September will be the States and regional economic integration organizations that have deposited their instruments by 1 July 1997. Those which deposit their instruments after 1 July but before 13 July 1997 will become Parties during COP 1. Those that do so after 13 July 1997 will not become Parties until after the closure of the session but can participate in the session as observers, along with United Nations specialised agencies, accredited non-governmental organizations (NGOS) and intergovernmental organizations.

Agenda

In its decision 10/13, taken at its tenth session, the INCD recommended to COP 1 the adoption of the draft provisional agenda contained in document A/52/82 and reflected in this document. In deciding on its organization of work, the COP may also wish to consider any recommendations from the resumed tenth session of INCD.

Documentation

A list of documents for the session and other documents of relevance is provided in Annex I. In addition to normal distribution, documents will be made available on the Secretariat's world wide web site at the following address on the internet: <http://www.unccd.ch>.

1. Election of President

Rule 22 of the draft rules of procedure recommended by the INCD (see document ICCD/COP(1)/2) provides for the election of the President from the representatives of the Parties present at the session. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary will call for the election of the President.

2. Adoption of Rules of Procedure

In accordance with article 22, paragraph 2(e), of the CCD, the COP shall "agree upon and adopt, by consensus, rules of procedure ... for itself and any subsidiary bodies." At its tenth session, in its decision 10/6, the INCD decided to recommend to the COP, at its first session, that it adopt the rules of procedure contained in document ICCD/COP(1)/2, with the exception of: paragraph 1 of rule 6, paragraph 1 of rule 22, rule 31 and paragraph 1 of rule 47, and to provisionally apply rules 22 and 31 in relation to the size of the Bureau. The COP will have this draft decision before it.

The COP is invited to adopt by consensus, at the start of its first session, the rules of procedure for itself and its subsidiary bodies, with the exceptions noted in the foregoing paragraph and to apply provisionally Rules 22 and 31 in relation to the size of the Bureau. The COP may at the same time wish to take into consideration any conclusions of the resumed part of the tenth session.

3. Election of other officers

Pursuant to rule 22 of the draft Rules of Procedure, Vice-Presidents and the Chairperson of the Committee on Science and Technology, who are to serve as the Bureau of the session, shall be elected from the representatives of the Parties present at the session. As of the conclusion of the first part of the tenth session of the INCD, no agreed recommendation had been reached on the number of Vice-Presidents, nor on the candidates. It will thus be necessary for COP 1 to take a decision on these outstanding issues, if necessary without a recommendation from the INCD.

4. Adoption of agenda and organization of work

The COP will have before it this Provisional Agenda and Annotations, which it may consider adopting. Annex II contains a tentative schedule of work, on which the subsections below elaborate.

Purpose of the session

The CCD provides, in article 22, paragraph 2(a), that the COP shall regularly review the implementation of the CCD and the functioning of its institutional arrangements. In addition, the CCD specifies a number of actions to be taken by COP 1. The work of the INCD since the adoption and signature of the CCD in 1994 provides the basis for the COP 1 to fulfil these aims. The organization of work of the session is designed to facilitate their achievement, focusing attention on outstanding issues requiring resolution.

Opening meeting

As to the structure of the opening plenary, the COP may wish to consider the following scenario. The President would make a statement after his or her election. The Chairman of the INCD would present the outcome of the Committee's work in preparation of COP 1. Statements would be made on behalf of regional groups, to be followed by an opportunity for statements by representatives of United Nations agencies and other intergovernmental organizations and one NGO representative. The Executive Secretary would then present an overview of issues before COP 1, introduce the documents prepared by the Secretariat, and present a status report on ratifications of or accessions to the CCD.

Establishment of a Committee of the Whole and allocation of its tasks

It is normal practice to establish a sessional Committee of the Whole (COW), chaired by a Vice-President of the COP and open to participation of all delegations. The COW would recommend decisions on outstanding issues for adoption by the COP. Its Chair would have the authority to delegate work, as appropriate, to drafting groups. The COP may wish to establish a Committee of the Whole at its opening plenary and to designate its Chair. The COP could allocate to the COW those items on which the INCD was not able tc achieve consensus, or on which work remains outstanding, including approval of

programme and budget, the physical location of the Permanent Secretariat, designation of an organization to house the global mechanism and agreement on its modalities, and the unagreed paragraphs of the rules of procedure referred to above.

Committee on Science and Technology

The Committee on Science and Technology (CST) is tentatively scheduled to meet 30 September - 1 October. As requested by INCD decision 10/11, taken at the Committee's tenth session, the Secretariat has prepared document ICCD/COP(1)/CST/1 containing a provisional annotated agenda for the CST's work, as well as other documents needed for its deliberations, which are listed in Annex I.

Initial segment

It is proposed in the tentative schedule that COP 1 be divided into two segments. During the initial segment from 29 September to 6 October, in addition to the CST meeting, the COW would advance negotiations on any issues that were not resolved at the first and resumed parts of the tenth INCD session. The plenary would meet on Friday 3 October to hear reports from the COW and the CST, to take all possible decisions on issues before the COP, including those recommended by the CST, to review the organization of work for the second week, and to provide for further meetings of the COW if necessary.

High-level segment

In the high-level segment from 7 to 10 October, there would be general plenary discussion, including statements by heads of state, ministers and heads of delegation, dealing with implementation of the CCD, the resolutions on urgent action for Africa and interim measures in Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Northern Mediterranean and other regions. The COP will have before it document ICCD/COP(1)/7. The high-level segment would also take decisions on any issues remaining outstanding after the first week.

Parallel events

A number of official events are being planned which would occur outside the official agenda of the COP. Further information will appear in the information note referred to in the Introduction above.

Concluding plenary

The concluding plenary of COP 1 will take any decisions not previously adopted. It will also have before it for adoption the report on credentials to be submitted by the Bureau. Finally, it will have to decide upon the date and venue of the second session of the Conference of the Parties, taking account of:

(a) article 22, paragraph 4 of the CCD which provides that, unless otherwise decided by the COP, the second, third and fourth ordinary sessions shall be held yearly;

(b) rule 4, paragraph 2 of the draft rules of procedure, which provides that, at each ordinary session, the COP shall decide on the date and duration of the next ordinary session and that the COP should endeavour not to hold such sessions at a time which would make the attendance of a significant number of delegations difficult;

(c) rule 3 of the draft rules of procedure, which states that the sessions of the COP shall take place at the seat of the Permanent Secretariat, unless the COP decides otherwise or other appropriate arrangements are made by the Permanent Secretariat in consultation with the Parties; and

(d) any offers to host the second session and cover the incremental costs thereof.

A draft report of the session will be prepared for adoption at the final plenary, in accordance with established practice. The COP is invited to authorize the Rapporteur to complete the final report after the session, with the assistance of the Secretariat and under the guidance of the President.

The proposed schedule allows for the afternoon of 9 October to be available for the preparation of final documents for consideration and decision at the final plenary on the morning of 10 October. Accordingly, all negotiations should be concluded by the lunch break on 9 October.

Times of meetings

The tentative schedule aims to make best use of the facilities available during normal working hours. No scheduling or budgetary provision has been made for evening or weekend sessions. Consistent with FAO working hours and to avoid incurring overtime expenses, the normal working hours of COP 1 will be from 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon, and from 2.00 p.m. to 5 p.m. No provision has been made for more than two meetings to be held with services at any one time.

5. Credentials of delegations

Rule 19 of the draft rules of procedure provides: "The credentials of representatives as well as the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Permanent Secretariat if possible not later than twenty-four hours after the opening of the session. Any later change in the composition of the delegation shall also be submitted to the Permanent Secretariat. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, or in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization." Rule 20 of the draft rules of procedure provides: "The Bureau of any session shall examine the credentials and submit its report to the Conference of the Parties for decision." In addition, rule 21 provides: "Representatives shall be entitled to participate provisionally in the session, pending a decision by the Conference of the Parties to accept their credentials."

6. Accreditation of non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations, admission of observers

Article 22, paragraph 7 of the CCD provides: "The United Nations, its specialized agencies and any State members thereof or observers thereto not party to the Convention, may be represented at sessions of the Conference of the Parties as observers. Any body or agency, whether national or international, governmental or non-governmental, which is qualified in matters covered by the Convention, and which has informed the Permanent Secretariat of its wish to be represented at a session of the Conference of the Parties as an observer, may be so admitted unless at least one third of the Parties present object". Rule 7 of the draft rules of procedure contains provisions to similar effect.

In its decision 10/12, taken at its tenth session, the INCD recommended that the COP adopt a decision on this subject, contained in ICCD/COP(1)/8.

The COP is invited to take action on the recommendations contained in document ICCD/COP(1)/8.

7. Adoption of recommendations to the COP and other decisions and conclusions requiring action by the COP

(a) *Maintenance of interim arrangements referred to in paragraph 13 of resolution 51/80, including interim financial arrangements*

Consistent with General Assembly resolution 51/180 of 16 December 1996, the COP may wish to decide on the maintenance of interim arrangements until the Permanent Secretariat designated by the COP begins operating. The COP will have before it for consideration a draft decision prepared by the

Secretariat on programme and budget, contained in document ICCD/COP(1)/2, which includes a section on interim arrangements.

(b) *Adoption of financial rules*

Article 22, paragraph 2(e) of the CCD provides that the COP shall adopt, by consensus, financial rules for itself and subsidiary bodies. In decision 10/5, taken at its tenth session, the INCD recommended that the COP adopt the decision on this subject contained in document ICCD/COP(1)/2.

(c) *Approval of programme and budget*

(i) Adoption of the Convention budget and programme for the biennium 1998-1999

Article 22, paragraph 2 (g) of the CCD calls on the COP to approve a programme and budget for its activities, including those of its subsidiary bodies, and to undertake necessary arrangements for their financing. Document ICCD/COP(1)/3 introduces the programme and budget estimates for the biennium 1998-1999. Addendum 1 to that document gives detailed estimates for calendar year 1999. The COP will also have before it for adoption the draft decision, contained in document ICCD/COP(1)/2 on programme and budget, which the Secretariat prepared in accordance with INCD decision 10/4, taken at the Committee's tenth session.

(ii) Related budget decisions

As detailed in documents ICCD/COP(1)/2 and 3, the decision on programme and budget that the COP will consider for adoption contains all elements required by the CCD and the draft financial rules.

(iii) Extrabudgetary funding for the Secretariat for 1998

Document ICCD/COP(1)/4 provides estimates for expenditures in 1998 from the Trust Fund and the Special Voluntary Fund established by General Assembly resolution 47/188, taking account of the interim arrangements referred to in section 7 (a) above. It also describes core budget funding that the General Assembly is providing to the Secretariat in 1998 under the same interim arrangements.

(iv) Programme of work for the second and third Conferences of the Parties

The programme and budget decision contained in document ICCD/COP(1)/2 includes a section on the programme of work for the second and third sessions of the COP.

(d) *Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning*

Under Article 23, paragraph 3 of the CCD, the COP is required, at its first session, to designate a Permanent Secretariat and make arrangements for its functioning. During several sessions of the INCD, discussions have taken place concerning the institutional linkage and the location of the Permanent Secretariat.

(i) Institutional linkage

At its tenth session, the INCD reached agreement, in its decision 10/2, on a recommendation to the COP on administrative and support arrangements for the Permanent Secretariat. The COP will have before it in document ICCD/COP(1)/2 the draft decision that the INCD recommended on this subject, which accepts the offer of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, contained in documents A/AC.241/44 and 55, to provide administrative and support arrangements for the CCD secretariat without the Permanent Secretariat being fully integrated into the work programme or management structure of any particular department or programme of the United Nations.

(ii) Physical location

In its decision 9/2, taken at its ninth session, the INCD requested its Chairman to establish a contact group to discuss appropriate procedures to enable COP 1 to take a decision on the physical location of the Permanent Secretariat. The Chairman of the INCD will report to the COP on the deliberations of the contact group. Depending on the recommendations of the contact group, the COP could take a decision on this matter at its plenary meeting on 3 October. The COP will also have before it: the offers of the Governments of Canada, Germany and Spain, contained in documents A/AC.241/54/Add.1, Add.2 and Add.3 to host the Permanent Secretariat at Montreal, Bonn and Murcia respectively, and the comparison of these offers contained in document A/AC.241/63.

(e) *Organization to house the Global Mechanism and agreement on its modalities*

Article 21, paragraph 5, of the CCD requires COP 1 to identify an organization to house the Global Mechanism and to agree on its modalities. At its tenth session, the INCD adopted decision 10/3 which approved, with the exception of one paragraph, a text on the functions of the Global Mechanism and the criteria for selecting an institution to house it. The same decision requested the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to submit revised versions of their offers to host the Global Mechanism, as well as the proposed budgetary implications for its functioning. In taking the decisions on this matter required by the CCD, the COP will have before it document ICCD/COP(1)/5 containing both the text of the functions and criteria and the revised offers.

(f) *Communication of information and review of implementation, including format and timetable*

Article 22, paragraphs (2)(a) and (b), and article 26 of the CCD contain provisions relating to the communication of information and review of implementation. In accordance with an agreed recommendation of the INCD, taken in decision 9/9 at the Committee's ninth session, the COP will have before it for consideration and adoption the draft decision on this subject contained in document ICCD/COP(1)/2.

(g) *Terms of reference of the Committee on Science and Technology*

Article 24, paragraph 1, of the CCD provides that COP 1 shall decide on the terms of reference of the Committee on Science and Technology. In accordance with the agreed recommendation of the INCD, in its decision 9/10 taken at its ninth session, the COP will have before it for consideration and adoption the draft decision on this subject contained in document ICCD/COP(1)/2.

(h) *Programme of Work of the Committee on Science and Technology*

The report of the CST to the COP will describe the CST programme of work in the period after COP 1. The COP may wish to discuss this programme of work and make suggestions for its revision.

(i) *Terms of reference of roster of scientific experts*

In accordance with the agreed recommendation of the INCD, in its decision 9/10 taken at its ninth session, the COP will have before it for consideration and adoption the draft decision in document ICCD/COP(1)/2 on the terms of reference of the roster of scientific experts to be established in accordance with article 24, paragraph 2, of the CCD.

(j) *Adoption of procedures for establishment of ad hoc panels*

Article 24, paragraph 3, of the CCD provides that the COP may as necessary appoint ad hoc panels to provide it with information and advice on specific scientific and technological issues. In accordance with the agreed recommendation of the INCD, in its decision 9/10 taken at its ninth session,

the COP will have before it for consideration and adoption the draft decision contained in document ICCD/COP(1)/2 relating to the procedures for the establishment of such panels.

(k) *Establishment of roster of experts*

Article 24, paragraph 2 of the CCD provides that the COP shall establish and maintain a roster of independent experts with expertise and experience in the relevant fields. In accordance with INCD decision 10/11, taken at the Committee's tenth session, the COP will have before it in document ICCD/COP(1)/6 a list of nominations received by the interim secretariat before 31 May 1997. On this basis, after receiving the report of the CST, the COP can proceed to establish the roster, and provide for its maintenance by the Permanent Secretariat, in accordance with the terms of reference approved under agenda item 7 (i).

(l) *Creation of ad hoc panel(s) of experts, if necessary with their terms of reference*

Article 24, paragraph 3 of the CCD provides for the creation of ad hoc panels as necessary by the Conference of the Parties. After considering the report of the CST, the COP may wish to consider appointing ad hoc panels as necessary, following the procedures approved under agenda item 7(j).

ANNEX I

List of documents prepared for the first session of the Conference of the Parties

ICCD/COP(1)/1	Adoption of agenda and organization of work
ICCD/COP(1)/2	Draft decisions for consideration by the Conference of the Parties
ICCD/COP(1)/3	Programme and budget
ICCD/COP(1)/3/Add.1	Programme and budget: budget estimates for 1999
ICCD/COP(1)/4	Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds
ICCD/COP(1)/5	Global Mechanism: compilation of revised offers of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
ICCD/COP(1)/6	Proposed roster of independent experts
ICCD/COP(1)/7	Urgent action in Africa and interim measures: compilation of information
ICCD/COP(1)/8	List of non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations recommended for accreditation or observer status

List of documents prepared for the first session of the Committee on Science and Technology

ICCD/COP(1)/CST/1	Adoption of agenda and organization of work of the CST
ICCD/COP(1)/CST/2	Survey and evaluation of existing networks
ICCD/COP(1)/CST/2/Add.1	Supplementary report on survey and evaluation of existing networks
ICCD/COP(1)CST/3	Report on work on benchmarks and indicators
ICCD/COP(1)/CST/3/Add.1	Supplementary report on work on benchmarks and indicators
ICCD/COP(1)/CST/4	Report on work of other bodies performing work similar to that envisaged for the CST
ICCD/COP(1)/CST/5	Reports on modalities and timing of future work on inventories of research and traditional knowledge; establishment of research priorities

Other documents for reference at the first session of the Conference of the Parties

A/AC.241/44	Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: administrative arrangements
A/AC.241/54/Add.1	Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: physical location - Offer of the Government of Canada
A/AC.241/54/Add.2	Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: physical location - Offer of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany
A/AC.241/54/Add.3	Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: physical location - Offer of the Government of Spain
A/AC.241/55	Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: administrative arrangements
A/AC.241/55/Add.1	Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: administrative arrangements - Offer of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

A/AC.241/55/Add.2	Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: administrat arrangements - Offer of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
A/AC.241/63	Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: physical location

Other documents:

Fifth session

A/AC.241/27	Final text of the Convention

Sixth session

A/AC.241/28	Adoption of the agenda and organization of wor
A/AC.241/29	Work programme for the interim period and preparation for the Conference of the Parties
A/AC.241/30 & Add.1	Compilation of information on implementation o resolution on urgent measures for Africa
A/AC.241/31	Review of the situation as regards extrabudgeta funds

Seventh session

A/AC.241/32	Adoption of the agenda and organization of wor
A/AC.241/33	Identification of an organization to house the Global Mechanism
A/AC.241/34	Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning
A/AC.241/35	Draft financial rules of the Conference of the Parties, its subsidiary bodies and the Permane Secretariat
A/AC.241/36	Programme and budget
A/AC.241/37	Organization of scientific and technical cooperation
A/AC.241/38	Draft rules of procedure of the Conference of t Parties
A/AC.241/39	Procedures for communication of information and review of implementation
A/AC.241/40	Implementation of urgent action for Africa and action in other regions: compilation of information
A/AC.241/41	Review of the situation as regards extrabudgeta funds
A/AC.241/41/Add.1	Review of the situation as regards extrabudgeta funds
A/AC.241/9/Add.10	List of non-governmental organizations recommen for accreditation

Eighth session

A/AC.241/42	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
A/AC.241/43	Identification of an organization to house the Global Mechanism
A/AC.241/45	Draft financial rules of the Conference of the Parties, its subsidiary bodies and the Permanen Secretariat
A/AC.241/46	Programme and budget
A/AC.241/47	Organization of scientific and technical cooperation
A/AC.241/48	Draft rules of procedure of the Conference of t Parties
A/AC.241/49	Procedures for communication of information and review of implementation
A/AC.241/50	Procedures to resolve questions on implementati
A/AC.241/51	Procedures for conciliation and arbitration

A/AC.241/52	Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds
A/AC.241/52/Add.1	Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds
A/AC.241/9/Add.11	List of non-governmental organizations recommended for accreditation

Ninth session

A/AC.241/53	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
A/AC.241/53/Corr.1	Corrigendum of document A/AC.241/53 - Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
A/AC.241/54	Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: physical location
A/AC.241/55/Add.3	Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: administrative arrangements - Offer of the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)
A/AC.241/45/Rev.1	Draft financial rules of the Conference of the Parties, its subsidiary bodies and the Permanent Secretariat
A/AC.241/56	Identification of an organization to house the Global Mechanism
A/AC.241/57	Organization of scientific and technical cooperation
A/AC.241/48/Rev.1	Draft rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties
A/AC.241/49/Rev.1	Procedures for communication of information and review of implementation
A/AC.241/58	Report on work being done on benchmarks and indicators to measure progress in the implementation of the Convention
A/AC.241/59	Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds
A/AC.241/9/Add.12	List of non-governmental organizations recommended for accreditation

Tenth session (first part)

A/AC.241/62	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
A/AC.241/63	Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: physical location
A/AC.241/64	Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: administrative arrangements
A/AC.241/65	Programme and budget
A/AC.241/66	Report on a draft proposed programme of work for the Committee on Science and Technology
A/AC.241/48/Rev.2	Draft Rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties
A/AC.241/67	Report on work of other bodies performing work similar to that envisaged for the Committee on Science and Technology
A/AC.241/68	Report on work being done on benchmarks and indicators to measure progress in implementation of the Convention, its subsidiary bodies and Permanent Secretariat
A/AC.241/69	Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds
A/AC.241/9/Add.13	List of non-governmental organisations recommended for accreditation
A/AC.241/70	Note verbale dated 17 January 1997 from the Permanent Mission of Oman to the United Nations addressed to the Secretariat of the Convention to Combat Desertification

Tenth session (resumed)

A/AC.241/71	Agenda and proposed organisation of work for the resumed tenth session
A/AC.241/9/Add.14	List of non-governmental organisations recommended for accreditation

Report of past INCD sessions:

A/49/84/Add.2	Report of the INCD on its fifth session
A/50/74	Report of the INCD on its sixth session
A/50/74/Add.1	Report of the INCD on its seventh session
A/50/76	Report of the INCD on its eighth session
A/51/76/Add.1	Report of the INCD on its ninth session
A/52/82	Report of the INCD on its tenth session

General Assembly resolutions:

Resolution 47/188 of 2 December 1992

- Establishment of an intergovernmental negotiating committee for the elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa

Resolution 48/191 of 21 December 1993

- Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa

Resolution 49/115 of 19 December 1994

- Observance of World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought

Resolution 49/234 of 23 December 1994

- Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa

Resolution 50/112 of 20 December 1995

- Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa.

Resolution 51/180 of 16 December 1996

- Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa.

Any relevant resolutions of the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-first session.

Annex II

Tentative Schedule of Work - First Session of the Conference of the Parties

	Monday 29 September 1997	
	09:00 AM	**02:00 PM**
P L E N A R Y	1. Opening of the Conference 2. Election of President 3. Adoption of rules of procedure (Doc. ICCD/COP(1)/2) 4. Election of other officers 5. Adoption of agenda and organisation of work (Doc. ICCD/COP(1)/1) 6. Opening statements 7. Status of ratifications 8. Organisation of work including establishment of Committee of the Whole 9. Accreditation of non-governmental and intergovernmental organisations, and admission of observers (Doc. ICCD/COP(1)/8)	
C O W		Outstanding issues allocated to the Committee of the Whole - Review of outstanding issues - Organisation of work - Establishment if necessary of drafting groups on outstanding issues
C S T		

Tuesday 30 September 1997		
	09:00 AM	**02:00 PM**
PLENARY		
COW	- Designation of Permanent Secretariat: location of the Permanent Secretariat - Rules of Procedure (Doc. ICCD/COP(1)/2)	- Global Mechanism
CST	Organisation of work (ICCD/COP(1)/CST/1) - Review of outstanding items - Establishment of roster of experts (Doc. ICCD/COP(1)/6) - Benchmarks and indicators (Doc. ICCD/COP(1)/CST/3; CST/3/Add.1)	- Survey and evaluation of existing networks (Doc. ICCD/COP(1)/CST/2; CST/2/Add.1) - Bodies doing work of relevance to CST (Doc. ICCD/COP(1)/CST/4)
Wednesday 1 October 1997		
	09:00 AM	**02:00 PM**
PLENARY	- -	- -
COW	- Global Mechanism	- Global Mechanism
CST	- Inventories of research, traditional knowledge (Doc. ICCD/COP(1)/CST/5) - Research priorities (Doc. ICCD/COP(1)/CST/5) - CST work programme	Preparation of report of CST

Thursday 2 October 1997		
	09:00 AM	**02:00 PM**
PLENARY	- -	- -
COW	- Programme and Budget (Doc. ICCD/COP(1)/3, ICCD/COP(1)/3/Add.1) - Extrabudgetary Funds (Doc. ICCD/COP(1)/4)	To be determined
CST	- -	- -
Friday 3 October 1997		
	09:00 AM	**02:00 PM**
PLENARY	- Recommendations to the Conference of the Parties (Doc. ICCD/COP(1)/2) - Recommendations of CST - Designation of a Permanent Secretariat: decision on the location of the Permanent Secretariat	- -
COW	- -	To be determined
CST	- -	- -

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PLENARY	Parallel Events	Parallel Events
COW	Informal Consultations	Informal Consultations
CST	- -	- -
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PLENARY	High-level segment	High-level segment
COW	To be determined	To be determined
CST	- -	- -

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PLENARY	High-level segment	High-level segment, followed by Committee of the Whole
COW	To be determined	To be determined
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Thursday 9 October 1997		
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PLENARY	Report on conclusions and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole, followed by continuation of high-level segment	High-level segment
COW	To be determined	To be determined
CST	- -	- -
Friday 10 October 1997		
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PLENARY	Conclusion of high-level segment; Adoption of report of Conference of the Parties	- -